

Today SECOND CHILD TAKEN BY KIDNAPERS

Poor China's Plight
A Two-Government Tiff
No More Penguins
The Vatican Disaster

By Arthur Brisbane

There is something familiar in China's statement that if we let Japan destroy Chinese independence, then, as a matter of course, Japan will come and take the same for us.

We heard that about Germany once, and believing it cost us many billions, and every friend we had in Europe, if we had any.

It is pathetic to read China's warning to the League of Nations: "China plans to fight, and Japan's drive on Chinkow will mean war."

China is fighting now, as well as men on foot, untrained, can fight against bullets, bombs and gas from the air.

China's plight interests us, for if any fighting nation, with real air and submarine fleets, should attack us from Europe or Asia, we should know how China feels now.

Vengeance would be ours, and we should repay, even in the long run. But the short run would be unpleasant.

WEATHER

Partly cloudy tonight. Thursday: not much change in weather; chilly to moderate; south to west winds. Minimum temperature tonight near 35. Sea breeze 11:11; sets 35. Light air vehicles at 4:45 a. m.

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ROAD TO FOR LIG WAR WILLIGS

Mother Battles to Save 5 Babies

CRAZED MATE USES KNIFE IN ATTACK

"KIKI'S" STORY OF LOVE ON BROADWAY

BOY VANISHES WHERE GIRL WAS SLAIN

Shackles Hold Mob Rivals Together

HIS JACKING ROW LED TO GUN BATTLE

Dennisport Woman Is Saved by Timely Arrival of Aided; Police Seize Husband

Barnstable, Dec. 23 (INS)—Helpless as the result of a beating he had received at the hands of her husband, following his break from the House of Correction and while he was crazed by drinking radiator fluid from the automobile he had stolen, Mrs. Earl Crowell, of Dennisport, lay in serious condition today in a local hospital.

Mrs. Crowell was attacked by her husband, 32, ex-Cape Cod fisherman and model trusty, as he burst into their home. She averted her baby by tossing it to a couch. As she fought off her drink-crazed husband, Mrs. Crowell succeeded in hiding five other children in a side room and locking them there against the wrath of their father.



Blank Indictment in Baby's Murder Spurs Police; Three Men Grilled in Cincinnati

Cincinnati, Dec. 23 (AP)—The disappearance of another child was reported today as police intensified their search for the slayer of six-year-old M. J. Hagan.

The body of Hagan, 6, was found yesterday morning in a half barrel near 428 East Third St. where Hagan's mother had been seen yesterday morning, and the mother was charged with murder.

Indictment was returned today against the three men charged with the murder of Hagan.



Attempt of the Gustin to Sell Back to Lombardi Mob Rum They Stole Caused Outbreak (Pictures on Pages 8 and 11)

The aftermath of the North End gun battle between the Gustin and Lombardi gangs, in which two men were killed, carried these developments today:

1.—The Boston Evening American learned exclusively that the battle opened when the Gustin gang tried to sell to the Lombardi gang some of its own hijacked liquor and two of its own stolen trucks.

Perhaps open war between Gov. Roosevelt and former Gov. Smith of New York is not far away. Both governors are candidates for the Democratic nomination next year. To say that Gov. Smith would not try again under present circumstances after getting last time seven million more votes than any other Democrat ever got is foolish.

The latest little rift within the Democratic tide comes with announcement of arrangements for a series of "ridydy dinners" to be held throughout the country Jan. 14.

Gov. Roosevelt is chosen to speak at "THE" dinner in New York. Gov. Smith is sent off to speak in Boston.



U.S. Navy Ship Loses "Christmas" at Sea

Washington, Dec. 23 (AP)—The Navy vessel isn't going to have any Christmas this year. It is the old battleship which on route to Manila will cross the 180 meridian tomorrow and must date its log December 24.

Admiral Pratt, chief of naval operations, today received the following special message from Capt. Mayo of the battleship:

"Merry Christmas in the admiralty from the only ship in the navy that will have no Christmas Day. Crossing the 180 meridian Dec. 24."



Five of the Gustin gang—not three—went to Lombardi's mob headquarters at 317 Hanover st., to sell him 400 cases of liquor and two beach wagons they had hijacked from him.

30 INJURED BY FLYING TIES

New York, Dec. 23 (AP)—Thirty people were injured today when a speeding car was wrecked, sending a crowd of passengers awaiting a subway train in Flat Brook, Brooklyn.

Thirteen of the injured were taken to various hospitals, and the others received first aid treatment in drug stores and at the scene.

The accident caused a year's prohibition.



Brighton Man Is Monoxide Gas Victim

Jack Smith, 24, of Westport st., Alton, was found dead today at the wheel of his truck, victim of monoxide in a market. Brighton, Mass., police today reported that Smith was dead six hours after he was found.

Examiner Magazine was notified.

PARENTS OF 'BAT MAGRATH STIRS CHILD' JAILED POLICE IRE

Washington, Dec. 23 (INS)—The father and stepmother of John Magrath came today as a result of yesterday's gang shooting.

Atty. Gen. Schwaartz, legal adviser of Police Commissioner Sullivan, charged that Mr. Magrath refused to aid identification of Frankie Wallace, alias Gustin.

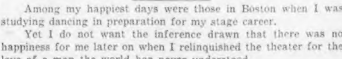
Mr. Magrath denied the charges of Schwaartz when he learned of them.

3.—Heavily armed police squads patrolled the city on guard against reprisal attempt believed certain.

MEEHAN COACH AT MANHATTAN

New York, Dec. 23 (AP)—John (Chick) Meehan, who recently resigned as head coach of football at New York University, today was named director of physical education and head football coach at Manhattan College, a Jesuit institution in the Upper Bronx.

Meehan succeeds Coach Law Notre Dame captain in 1925, who announced resigning, to the surprise of Manhattan, that he was not returning as coach. He had been assistant coach for many years, as trustee, and has filled Mr. De Forest's place since the latter died.



Good News In the Day's News

(Further details elsewhere in this issue.)

LYNN GAS & Electric Co. dividend payments for 1921 total \$575, a share receiving 35¢ last year.

HAMILTON Woolen Co. reports increased profits and orders an expansion.

COTTON TEXTILE mechanics' strike last month's production of cotton cloth larger than a year ago.

COPELAND Products announce profit for past year shows increase over net for previous 12 months.

POWER output in United States for week ended Dec. 15 displays an increase over that for the previous week.

FLYNN IS NAMED MALDEN JUDGE

Atty. Maurice R. Flynn of Malden, graduate of Harvard College and Harvard law school, and for a time a student at Holy Cross, was appointed special justice of Malden district court today by Governor E. F. Murphy.

Flynn, who is married and has four children, succeeds the late Judge H. Heald Newton. He is a Democrat. Before entering the law he was graduated from Malden high school. His Harvard days were 1910 and he received his law school diploma in 1913.

Girl Radium Poison Victim Succumbs

Cambridge, Md. Dec. 23 (AP)—Miss Pauline De Haven Keim, 19, of Cambridge, died today of radium poisoning.

The retired Cambridge Hospital on Oct. 28 in a serious condition and grew sicker with the day. She died of the poison for several years. She left the radium in a box which she had hidden in her room.

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WRECKERS DISMANTLE DE LUXE NIGHT CLUBS AFTER DRY RAIDS

AGENTS SEIZE MILLION IN PROPERTY

Squad of 60 Federals Swoops Down on Biggest and Richest N. Y. Speakeasies

New York, Dec. 22 (AP)—In nearly a dozen of Broadway's most de luxe night clubs, sounds of gavel, sparkling with the musical tinkling of ice in champagne glasses was replaced today by the dismal noises of wreckers dismantling the luxurious places.

An army of electricians, plumbers, carpenters and moving men invaded the resorts in the wake of the big raid by Federal agents in the "Boaring Parties" and the "Speakeasy Parties." More than 100 arrests were made.

Property was disconnected, telephones torn from walls, rare treasures and art treasures taken down, costly soft rugs rolled up for transfer to the government warehouse.

One million dollars' worth of equipment, and several hundred thousand dollars' worth of other property were obtained in the descent upon the fashionable resorts by the prohibition agents under direction of Andrew McCaughy, local prohibition administrator, his office announced.

For the first time in New York the furnishings were seized in the unoccupied places under a new legal court decision permitting this. To make the cases more complete, the agents arrested as managers or owners of the supper clubs were charged with failure to pay an internal revenue tax on the sale of liquor.

The law was recently upheld in Medicine Hat, Montana, by a federal judge.

PATRONS ARE OUSTED
Diners were not permitted to finish their drinks and those after the agents had purchased what they said were alcoholic drinks and ordered the place cleared of patrons.

Most of the latter were from the wealthy society, theatrical, literary, sporting or political circles of the city.

In the Monte Lido Club, one of New York's most beautifully furnished night clubs, agents seized the 125,000 equipment included within the antiques and costly oil paintings. They said there were there here, one for women only, for one man exclusively, the other for both men and women, known as the "cock bar." About 300 guests were ousted from the place.

A copy of Leonardo da Vinci's famous painting from which the club derived its name was among the pictures confiscated.

Among the clubs raided were the Star Club, the Club Belle, Leonard's Restaurant and the Monahan's Club, where many of the town patrons were said to have been dining last night.

83,000 Farmers in Arrears on Loans

Washington, Dec. 22 (AP)—Approximately 83,000 farmers who borrowed money from the Federal Farm Loan banks were delinquent on November 30 last, Paul Bester, chairman of the loan board, testified today before a Senate banking subcommittee.

The amount involved in these delinquent loans, he said, was approximately \$75,000,000, an average in excess of \$2000 each.

HAPPY DAYS AHEAD FOR MARION



"KIKI" TO MAKE CHRISTMAS HAPPY
Preparations for a Christmas are being made by Marion "Kiki" Roberts as she seeks to forget the tragic period in her life to which the death of Jack "Legs" Diamond wrote finish. Marion is shown in exclusive photo decorating her tiny Christmas tree.

Pope Says Mass for Vatican Library Crash Victims



BODIES OF FOUR RECOVERED IN RUINS
15,000 Volumes and Valuable Art Works Destroyed in Collapse
Vatican City, Dec. 22 (AP)—A special mass for five persons who lost their lives when the roof of a wing of the Vatican Library collapsed was said by Pope Pius XI today in his private chapel.

The bodies of four people, including a child, were recovered from the ruins of the library wing which collapsed last night. The bodies were found in the ruins of the library wing which collapsed last night. The bodies were found in the ruins of the library wing which collapsed last night.

RAPE VICTIMS SAVED
Monte Carlo, Dec. 22 (AP)—Chief librarian of the Vatican, announced that 15,000 of the library's volumes were lost in the disaster. Most of the volumes were on shelves in the reference room, and while many can be replaced, there were others, particularly the manuscripts that were great value. Copies of some books were among the volumes destroyed.

The rare volumes in the library collection were removed in weeks ago when repair work was begun.

Numerous gifts presented to the pope in his private chapel, including the bodies of four people, were recovered from the ruins of the library wing which collapsed last night. The bodies were found in the ruins of the library wing which collapsed last night.

BATH ROW MAY 'FLUNK' GIRL
Pebble near the shore of Bath, N. H., where a girl was killed today, was refused to let her daughter, Dorothy, take a shower after gym exercises, prepared to appeal to Mayor Wells and State authorities.

MULDOON TEST IN HOSPITAL
New York, Dec. 22 (AP)—Angus J. Muldoon, president of the New York State Athletic Commission and health advocate, today was in a hospital for observation of his condition after a fall from a horse.

SNAPPED 15,000 SNOWFLAKES
Jericho, N. Y., Dec. 22 (AP)—W. A. Bentley, photographer of snowflakes and world authority on them, died at his home here today. He was widely known as "The Snowflake Man."

GIRL ABDUCTED AND MURDERED IN CELLAR
Police in Cincinnati carrying the crushed and broken body of little Marian McLean, 6, from the cellar in which it was found. She had been kidnapped, attacked and murdered, today the father of William Hornsby, 11, a friend and neighbor of the slain child, reported his son had been missing since noon yesterday and police fear he may have met Marian's cruel fate. (International News) telephoto.)

HOOPER WARNED TO AID NEDDY RAILROADS
Washington, Dec. 22 (AP)—Mr. Hoover was warned today by the Interstate Commerce Commission to aid needy railroads as a means of insuring the interests of other industries was suggested to President Hoover today by J. H. Hays, president of the American Railway Association.

BEES BZZZ AND ROSES BLOOM
as 'Winter' Is With Us
Several venerable gentlemen chuckled today, too, the first full day of winter.

BOOST IN STATE TAX IS ASKED
A bill which would increase the general state income tax rate of 1 per cent to 1.5 per cent, on professions, occupations and trades was first with the clerk of the House by Representative David C. Tamm.

CUPID FEE CUT SOLD AN IDEA
The "Cupid" fee for the first day of winter was cut to 10 cents, from 15 cents, by the New York City Board of Health.

SAUGUS FAMILY WHOSE PLIGHT WAS BARED BY HUNGER
ALBERT, JR. MARY
MRS. KENT
Rev. Albert E. Kent, of Saugus, and his four children, whose plight was revealed when the clergyman collapsed from hunger while seeking aid for his family at rooms of the town welfare board. With him in photo are Muriel, one year, three months old; Albert, Jr., six, Mary, two, and Laura, four. Inset

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STATE LEADERS OF G. O. P. FACE HARD TASK

By LOUIS SCHOLD

New York, Dec. 23 (AP)—Members of the Republican national committee have had to do a lot of explaining since their return from Washington, where they decided to hold their nominating convention at Chicago beginning June 14.

Even at least trying to those members from eastern states and presumably exists in other sections of the country. If the committee representing their home organizations looked for a cordial welcome, it just too bad.

OPTIMISM LACKING
The spirit of optimism that prevailed at Washington, where they were looking among state leaders who looked for a frank discussion of matters of public interest during the deliberations of their committee.

President Hoover apparently had no difficulty in stamping down the lid on the emotional disturbances that seethed beneath it. State leaders who believed that their party will have to take a definite and more liberal stand on prohibition are not at all pleased with Mr. Hoover's personal victory in preventing discussion of it.

The failure of committeemen to press their demand for war material of value is generally credited to fear of affronting the President. In the opinion of some of the eastern leaders, the ease with which Mr. Hoover dominated views of committeemen indicated a decided state of party domination rather than the strength of Mr. Hoover's position.

PROSPECTS REMAIN DARK
If the results of the committee meeting changed the Republican situation, it does not appear to have been for the better. Republican prospects have not been improved by them. About the only silver lining in Republicanism is that apprehension over third party prospects have been somewhat dissipated.

Concerning the almost certain re-nomination of Mr. Hoover, eastern state leaders, in common with those of other sections are greatly concerned over the outlook of their party for carrying their states for their own candidates.

Under present conditions New York leaders frankly admit that they would have very little chance of electing their candidates for governor, senator, several members of Congress and holding on to the Legislature.

In other words leaders of New York and other eastern states, where the economic and prohibition issues are uppermost in the public mind, express regret that their commitment did not give them for some declaration that would help the prospects of their party.

HARMONY LACKING
As the situation stands today the President is the sole beneficiary of the National Committee meeting. His refusal to permit discussion of matters of importance to State leaders has caused great dissatisfaction among them.

With the best of luck meaning improvement in business conditions (even) the job of re-electing Mr. Hoover is going to be a difficult one. Of course, every Republican State leader wants him to win. It is equally true that every State leader wants to elect his own candidate.

There may have been harmony at the Washington gathering due to the exercise of Presidential authority, but there is not a great deal of it among leaders in this and other states.

Incidentally, the President virtually ordered National committeemen to communicate his harmony demand to their State leaders. Most of these have probably done so. There is very good reason to warrant the statement that their message was not cordially received.

Martin Hart, Gang Leader, Is Slain

Los Angeles, Dec. 23 (AP)—Attempts to "organize" liquor running and cleaning and driving operations in Los Angeles cost the life of Martin Hart, one-time Chicago gangster, police said today as they investigated his slaying.

Hart was ambushed last night in the driveway of his home, gun fire blasting from a hedge bordering his residence. He was pronounced dead for five years on a liquor conviction.

Austria Puts Ban on Travelling Abroad

Vienna, Dec. 23 (AP)—A virtual moratorium on foreign travel by Austrians was put into effect today by the National Bank.

The bank fixed a new maximum of \$100 as the amount of foreign currency an Austrian with an ordinary ticket to a foreign point may buy with schillings.

Lionel Powell Dead
London, Dec. 23 (AP)—Lionel Powell, concert impresario, died on both sides of the Atlantic, it was heard here.

France Opposes Any Arms Parley Delay

Paris, Dec. 23 (AP)—Government officials said today France will oppose any postponement of the world disarmament conference at Geneva, even for a few weeks.

Tokyo, Dec. 23 (AP)—Japan agreed today there is no need to postpone the world disarmament conference held to be held next February in Geneva. The Japanese government pointed out its delegation already is on the way to Geneva.

Moses Takes Chair for Few Minutes

Washington, Dec. 23 (AP)—Senator Moses of New Hampshire said he is president for a few minutes of the Senate. He presided at the final session before the holiday by taking the chair in the absence of Vice President Curtis.

Some of the independent fighting his reelection against their own browns. One in good humor, said him to get up of the chair, it stuck, a few minutes, then turned the job over to Senator Chandler of Michigan, one of the opponents.

Suspect in Child Attack in Hospital

Chicago with attacking a 10-year-old girl, Anthony Kozubewsky, 23, of Madison St., Chicago, was under guard of a policeman at Children's Memorial Hospital today.

He had been sought since the attack in November. Bert, Walter Paulsen learned last night he was in the hospital undergoing treatment for a heart ailment. He was arrested and taken to the police station, but no arrest of a physician was taken back to the hospital.

Ramsdell Funeral in Ann Arbor, Mich.

The body of Mrs. Edward T. Ramsdell, 28, wife of six months, who lost her life in an explosion at her home on Wadon st., Wadon st., will be sent from New Haven today to Ann Arbor, Mich., where funeral services will be conducted in the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Edward H. Ramsdell.

Dr. Ramsdell is dean of the College of Pharmacy at the University of Michigan.

2.75 Beer Bill Put In by Sen. Bulkley

Washington, Dec. 23 (AP)—A bill calling for 2.75 per cent beer was introduced by Senator Bulkley, Democrat, Ohio, and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Kearl State would be authorized to its own legislative machinery to permit manufacture, possession and sale.

Ten Die in Black Sea Wreck

Istanbul, Dec. 23 (AP)—Ten members of the passenger list and crew of a Turkish boat were drowned today in a blizzard that struck the Black Sea. The boat, bound from Black Sea ports to Istanbul, sprang a leak and sank.

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For the cigarette smoker, man or woman, of course give Camels. A blend of choice Turkish and mild, sun-ripened Domestic tobaccos, they are kept fresh and prime by the Camel Humidor Pack, with their natural moisture unimpaired by parching or toasting.

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ten packages of twenty and in cartons containing four boxes of fifty each.

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A LOT OF SAGE WISDOM
COMES FROM VERMONT

IN 'PENDRIFTERS'
By ROBERT E. ROGERS

I WONDER WHAT the men who established the newspaper columns the generation after the Civil War tilted the present-day affair? I mean the Broadway column, for that is what most of them are nowadays. Messrs. Winchell and Meloyre and Sobel and all their imitators spread the word of the present crop, not possibly lift a supercilious eyebrow, for was it not the "Diary of Our Own Men, Peeps" that started all the present celebrity hunters on their way? Don Marquis needed no celebrities, it is true, for he was a poet and a philosopher. He created his red-headed woman, his cockroach "archy" and his Hermine and her little group of serious thinkers. He did not have to hunt for them on Broadway; they lived in his typewriter and danced on the keys.

Robert E. Rogers Eugene Field would have liked it, I am sure, because he had no shame and no deathless rhymes, but he also cracked wise and played practical jokes in print. Artemus Ward, also, misused the names of the great for comic effect. Y. P. A., the dean of the present crop, cannot possibly lift a supercilious eyebrow, for was it not the "Diary of Our Own Men, Peeps" that started all the present celebrity hunters on their way? Don Marquis needed no celebrities, it is true, for he was a poet and a philosopher. He created his red-headed woman, his cockroach "archy" and his Hermine and her little group of serious thinkers. He did not have to hunt for them on Broadway; they lived in his typewriter and danced on the keys.

A "Columist" From Vermont

But there were columns before Broadway was anything but the Rialto, before it had become a winter Coney Island promenade. Columns written in small-town papers and country papers. Most of the classical examples of the American family essay are really newspaper columns in a frock coat. Mingled with homely verse, the local gossip and most famous verse America has produced, the local gossip and imaginary characters and tall stories, were the little essays about life and love and the out of doors and all the other parade of living. There are still some of these columns left among us, praise be.

I am reminded of all this by the advent of a little book in pleasant salmon-colored cover. It is called "Pendrifters," and it is published by the Steven Day Press in Brattleboro, Vt., and is one of "The Green Mountain Series" books by and about Vermonters. And there are more famous Vermonters than you might guess!

One Charles Crane, an advertising man of Brattleboro, has been writing a column he calls "Pendrifters" for a long time. At least he is well over the thousands column, and if the Brattleboro Daily Reformer runs a column weekly, as I suspect it does, that accounts for some 20 years. This is all guess work and probably I shall be told I am wrong. But isn't the Daily Reformer a superb name for a newspaper in these troublous times? Obviously the name is wasted on a state that cherishes Mr. Coolidge and Dorothy Canfield Fisher and always votes straight Republican. The name should be lent to some New York paper that needs it badly. Or Chicago. Boston, of course, does not need it.

A. P. Newspaper Epic Recalled

Anyway, I was about to say that this little volume of 40 "Pendrifters," with a sympathetic introduction by Freeman Tilden, is a mighty good reading. Here is the old-fashioned American newspaper column. It is not a guessing game, a whistling gallery. It is a little series of adventures in everyday living by A. P. in New York, but he saw the error of his ways and immigrated his headquarters. Here is a columnist who is a free lance, and the typewriter and his houseclean the pantry. There are a couple of children whose doings must be recorded. There are local anecdotes to be told, eggs to be fried as only a man can fry them, skin, to be done, hepatitis to be gathered, salmon to be caught, false teeth to be tried on, octopus heads and big snowdrops and mushrooms and big hats to be considered—all in a pleasant and informal style, distinguished and yet homely, with a quiet running humor and shots of native philosophy that make most wisecrackers look garish.

Perhaps he is so good a country essayist because he was a good city newspaper man. Perhaps not. But one of the best things in the book is the story of how the A. P. covered the Titanic story in 1913 by the grace of God and a forged ship-news reporter. I liked that story because I had an assignment one night to meet the survivors as the Carpathia docked and to get a story for the Brooklyn Eagle.

Dickens and Kipling "Vermonters," Too

Elsewhere in the book is the eye-witness story of the Vermont flood of 1927, also excellent reading. But I enjoy more, I am afraid, the odd and odder of Brattleboro Peeps and Impressions. Mr. Crane tells so charmingly. A picture of Calvin Coolidge at his inauguration, for instance, reveals the man. Anecdotes about Eugene Field's boyhood in Brattleboro, of Dorothy Canfield at one in Hillsboro, of Sinclair Lewis in his new home in Brattleboro. The extraordinary story of how Charles Dickens completed his posthumous novel, "The Mystery of Edwin Drood," in Brattleboro is told. As the boys say, there's a trick to it! Did you know that the first important American dramatic came from Brattleboro? His name was Royall Tyler, and he wrote "The Contrast" about the time the Constitution was being adopted, and his chief character, Jonathan Green from Vermont, was the granddaddy of every big character on the American stage, clear down to Uncle John Whitcomb and Lighthead Bill Jones.

And best of all, perhaps, is the story how Rudyard Kipling lived in Brattleboro and had to dress for dinner because his American wife made him, and painted golf balls red and tried to play in the snow.

Mr. Tilden, in his introduction, explains that Charles Crane cannot be coaxed back to New York. Which is a break—for Charles Crane and the Brattleboro Daily Reformer and Vermont and the world in general. Perhaps if American literature were to start getting itself published from places other than New York, we might have more American literature. Anyway, we nominate Mr. Crane to inherit the polychrome ink bottles and the carpet slippers and the convoluted suit of Eugene Field. (This last is dear Artemus Ward's "jokes," but Mr. Crane will understand.) And so will you, when you see this little book.

EMBERS OF LOVE

The Supreme Romance
of the Year

By Hazel Livingston

GREATER
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'SEER' HOOD IS REFUSED LOWER BAIL

Stroll Hurt as Closed Bank Probe Goes On

BAIL FOR 'SEER' HOOD RAISED TO \$15,000

Alleged "Psychic" Swindler Is Refused Reduction in His Bonds by Salem Court

Plea of William H. Hood, alleged psychic swindler, for release on bail of \$10,000 was rejected today by Judge Walter Collins in Superior Court at Salem, where he sat at \$15,000, as requested by Dist. Atty. Hugh A. Clegg of Essex County.

Hood brought back from California, where he was arrested after a four years' search, pleaded not guilty to three counts of larceny, totaling \$48,000, from Mrs. Lillian Fields of Ipswich and Roseline. "This man has caused us plenty of trouble and I believe bail should be set at \$15,000," said Dist. Atty. Clegg.

Hood's attorney, ex-Judge William H. Fay, argued:

"This man is a prominent real estate dealer and businessman in Long Beach, Calif., where he was arrested for the same offense. His status there precludes the possibility of flight. Judge Collins accepted Clegg's recommendation of \$10,000 bail to provide the amount required to return him to Salem and await trial in January. The whole proceeding lasted only about five minutes."

Hood had been taken to Salem by Clegg from Lawrence House of Correction, where he was lodged after his arrival from California Saturday night.

Several hundred needy children will have Christmas brightened by gifts of shoes from the Advertising Club of Boston.

Chairman Earl G. Manning and his committee has obtained from the membership a large fund for this purpose.

In addition, they have arranged that gifts of toys and candy be distributed.

TOY SHOW BRINGS CHEER TO SCORES



Many toys in many boys and many girls because of the work being conducted at the St. Augustine Parochial School, South River, under the supervision of the Rev. Father Richard Burke. The toys were made available through the gigantic toy show held at

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FR. M'GRATH 66 YEARS A PRIEST

Rev. Mr. Christopher T. McGrath, since November 18, 1905, pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Union St., Somerville, and the oldest priest in the archdiocese of Boston, is today observing the anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

He was ordained on December 22, 1865, at St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, Md.

Mr. McGrath was the first Catholic priest assigned to the parish in Somerville. The only priest in the archdiocese in active service for 66 years, and will observe his 66th birthday next month.

While Mr. McGrath is having no formal observance of the ordination anniversary, he has received numerous floral tributes and gifts. He plans to spend the day in his study, directing the affairs of the parish.

Mr. McGrath was born in St. Paul, Minn., in 1865, and came to Boston in 1885, and today, despite his age, he is as vigorous and active as he was many years ago.

He is loved and respected not only by his parishioners, but by the entire citizenship of Somerville.

Gas Leak Located in Wellesley Tragedy

A break in a gas main leading into Walcott Court, Wellesley apartment building, which was damaged by an explosion resulting in the death of Mrs. Margaret K. Ross, Monday, was located yesterday by Chief of Police Thomas H. Sagan of Wellesley and Inspector John E. Beardon of the State fire marshal's office.

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WHAT HAS GONE BEFORE

Lily Lou Lansing, youngest of a large family, all of whom have sacrificed to give her singing lessons, goes to live in Oakland. She boards with her married sister, Mrs. J. H. Sargent, husband, Raymond, and works in an office in San Francisco. After leaving the service one morning, she meets Ken Sargent, who she knew in Woodlake, where his name had a summer cottage. She becomes interested in this one of a millionaire ship owner, who tells her he loves her. Lily Lou becomes jealous of Betty Stage, a friend of Ken, who she meets at a dinner. Ken asks Lily Lou to marry him and the ceremony takes place several in a rooming paragonage. Ken's mother protests, but she sticks to his "wife" and finds a new job.

NOW READ ON

"KEN'S FAMILY" tried to annul the marriage, but what Lily Lou went to write, but she couldn't quite do that. Instead, she added another paragraph to Betty's letter: "You don't have to worry about me. It is true that Ken lost his job with his father, but the very day he left his father's office he had a job, and a better one, at another place."

Putting that in writing made her feel better. She then turned to the letter in her hand. It was addressed to Betty's mother. "What did he do for his age?" she thought determinedly. "He is in his account of the office, at least. He looks old, but I treated and enthusiastic. He would have been a great asset to our family."

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Mr. Spellman attracted wide attention when he translated both of Pope Pius' radio addresses into English.

The young priest later arrived at his home in Boston, where he was met by his family.

Mr. Spellman will stay the night Christmas eve at Holy Ghost Church, Whitman.

TURKEY FEAST FOR INMATES

Turkey and all the trimmings with special entertainment and gifts, are on the Christmas program of the various state institutions, with the exception of state prison and a few other correctional places where pork chops will be served.

Officials in charge of the institutions have vied with each other to make the occasion happy for each inmate.

A sample of the Christmas feast is this menu for the Eastern Psychopathic Hospital:

Grapefruit cocktail, roast turkey, dressing, cranberry jelly, celery, spinach, potatoes, plum pudding, hard sauce, mince and coffee.

At the Loman School for Boys in Weymouth, under the public welfare department, every cottage is gaily decorated and a Christmas tree set up in each.

Girls at the home received from relatives and friends are at the foot of the tree ready to be opened Christmas morning.

The masters acting as Santa Claus in addition each how to receive a little girl from the school itself and those with no relatives extra presents.

In the afternoon of Christmas Day there will be sports, games, reading and general recreation.

Basket Fund Donations

Previously acknowledged, \$11,723.44	
A Friend	5.00
L. C. S. (1000)	2.00
Mary C. Fisher	10.00
M. J. (1000)	2.00
Railway Mail Employees, by Geo. F. Bandett	30.00
Mary E. Desmond	10.00
A Friend	1.00
Prattins, collected by W. H. White Co. Santa Claus	11.00
G. M. O.	2.50
Boston Post Office Clerks, Del. Division	16.25
A Friend	1.00
A. Somerville Reader	1.00
Walter Cowie, Jr., age 8 1/2	1.00
Case No. 81	2.50
C. V. F.	3.50
Grocery Managers, Weymouth, First Nat'l Stores	1.00
E. S. A.	1.00
Frank Richter	3.00
Mrs. W. H. Northwood	1.00
A Friend	1.00
I. B. Arlington	1.00
A Somerville Reader	1.00
Mrs. W. S. Nicholson	1.00
Officers of Division 5, Boston Post Office	24.00
Theresa, No. Cambridge	1.00
Mary C. Riley	1.00
Albert, Shippy and Paul	2.00
Albert Sappelle	1.00
E. J. McKenna	2.00
John J. Murphy, mayor of Somerville	25.00

PLEASE POUR IN AS CHRISTMAS DRAWS NEAR

Hundreds in Distress Watching Anxiously the Response of Goodfellows

Christmas is edging up—and only today and tomorrow stand between the day when all families should be joyful but when many may be sad.

On the last minute rush of Goodfellows depends this question of joy or sorrow, because the Boston Evening American Christmas Basket Fund editor is overwhelmed with appeals—and the fund can cover no more than the extent of its capacity.

NEED GREATER NOW

More than in any year since the Christmas Basket Fund has been in operation and the Goodfellows have been rallying round, the distress call has sounded in 1931, and unfortunately many of those who helped the Fund in years gone have been compelled, this year, to seek its aid.

Unless more Goodfellows come forward to take cases personally or to add funds through which Christmas Baskets may be purchased, there will be added in this year, Greater Boston homes on Christmas Day for all of the thousands of appeals cannot be answered.

Appeals such as this from a 14-year boy in Roxbury:

"I am writing to ask you please remember me to this Christmas. We have an father, and poor mother doesn't have anything to give us for Christmas. So please send us a basket."

FIVE IN FAMILY

"We are five in the family. Mother is sick all the time with bronchitis. She cannot do much. The city gives us a little help and that just pays the rent."

"Mother can get us work to do, so if you don't send us a little of what you get, we will have a very poor Christmas. Last Christmas we had no food at all, so I am sure, but I hope we will have a good one this year."

"We would be very grateful for anything you would do for us. God will bless you for what you do."

"I am 11 years old. My brother is 12 and my sister is eight years old. Good luck!"

"This is listed as Case No. 81. Mr. and Mrs. Goodfellow, but it is a matter of hours of letters that have been pouring in for weeks."

"You may have this case by communicating with the Christmas Basket Fund editor at 3 Winthrop St., Boston, or by telephoning Liberty 4000. And if you cannot take care of the case personally, the Christmas Basket Fund editor will be glad to do the work in your name if you send in the donation to court."

"A MOTHER'S PLEA"

Here is another case, this one from a South End mother of four children:

"I am a mother of four children. My husband has been out of work for over two years. We are about three or four months back in the rent. Sometimes we don't have any heat in the house for two or three days."

"One day we only had one meal. I have one baby boy home with me and the rest are in school. My baby is in need of clothing, especially shoes and socks. My eldest girl goes to high school and sometimes she has to stay home because we have no lunch to give her to take to school."

"She is very eager to get an education. She would like to get a job to help the family and go to night school to keep her education up, but there are no girls allowed."

"We twins, a girl and a boy, are in need of clothes. The other three when I moved, paid no money for children had any overcoats, but we went to school just the same. When they came home, their shoes and stockings were wet and as a result they caught severe colds."

"We would appreciate it very much if you would help us out by giving us some food and clothing. We are appealing in your name as a householder of color, because my husband is very proud and will not accept aid if he can help it."

This is listed as Case No. 75, an elderly Goodfellow may have the name and address if he wishes it. Or he may have this family taken care of through the Christmas Basket Fund.

SANTA AIDS BASKET FUND



The R. H. White Company's Santa Claus left his post of duty long enough to call at the Boston Evening American office yesterday, where he presented a check for \$14. This represented the pennies and nickels that were donated by the kiddies who visited the island of R. H. White store. The check is being received by Miss Elsie Needham, of the Boston Evening American Christmas Basket Fund department. Santa's own secretary witnessed the presentation. The money will aid the work of feeding many hungry mouths. (Staff photo.)

Fund. If he has not the time to devote to it himself.

The time is growing short. Goodfellows—very short. Tomorrow is the last day before Christmas, and the last day to add your weight in the battle against sadness on Christmas Day, in countless homes of Greater Boston.

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\$50,000 WORTH IS PACKED IN DEEP CACHE

Hearing of Three Men Arrested in Raid Put Over to Saturday Because of Holiday

Three men arrested in Revere in connection with the seizure of liquors and alcohol valued at \$50,000 will be arraigned in federal court Saturday morning so that they may be free over Christmas.

They are: Albert Fink of Walcott rd., John Bonno of North st., and Harry Parker of Franklin st., Revere. Each is out on \$2500 bail.

According to dry agents the men were discovered loading a truck with liquor in Centennial st., Revere. And underground tunnel, several hundred feet long, was found by the federal men to be packed with cases of liquor.

Drum containers filled with approximately 2000 gallons of alcohol were found in an outhouse at one end of the tunnel, the entrance to which was concealed by a sewer cover.

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BASKET FUND TAKES JOY TO MANY HOMES



Just a section of the hundreds of baskets containing Christmas dinners, the Economy Grocery warehouse in South Boston, that will be delivered today and tomorrow by the Boston Evening American Christmas Basket Fund to the poor and needy of greater Boston, numbering more than 10,000 families.

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WHERE GANGSTERS, 'PUT ON SPOT,' SHOT IT OUT WITH DEATH---AND LOST



HIS LAST TWO SHOTS COULDN'T SAVE HIM
 Near this spot is where Bernard Walsh died in the gang war that flared out again in the North End. Walsh, a former gangster, fired the two shot. Officer William J. Fringer, whose pointing in but he was already dying then and the bullets were ineffective. The other fellow, I am sure, is better.



FRANKIE WALLACE BERNARD WALLACE
FIRE THE TORRIFIT THEY PAY TO VINGENCE

Frankie Wallace, alias Gus, is reputed to have been Boston's most notorious gangster, and probably proved the designation and his lieutenant, Bernard Wallace, were "rabbed out" in the gang battle in Hingham, Oct. 2, 1934, as police



WHERE BOSTON'S LEADING TERRORIST
March 2nd William Lloyd Garrison, apparently engaged in
Boston *anti-slavery* work, was carried into the office of
the *Boston Herald*, and a chair and bed placed in the
office.

WALSH'S FATE CRUSHING BLOW TO MOTHER

By RUTH MCGIFFEE

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Steve Wallace, alias Steve Gansin, brother of South Boston gang leader, seen in yesterday's gun battle and who was probably behind the 6-4-71 Chicago telephone staff photo.

KILLINGS MARK 'MURDER ROW' IN NO. END



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YULE PARTY AT HOSPITAL *Gangs Dealt Death in Midst of Yuletide Preparations*

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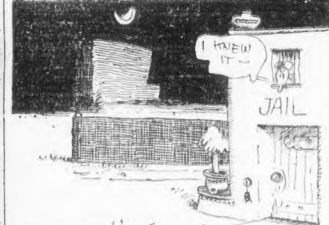
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Ask and You Shall Receive



COOK-COOS

By TED COOK

Dry speaker says the hope of prohibition is in the youth of the land.

RETRICHMENT (Captioned at 4-4-4-4)

DESK—At it, gun nabobany, pills top & revolving chair for radin.

Storage grade, cuts and close. Be your better, here or there.

MAN OF THE HOUR



Baltimore on the path to something or other.

BALTIMORE—Board of governors of the Howard County Hunt has unanimously ruled that members of the club cannot chase hares while under the influence of liquor.

Which is making it a little hard on the foxes.

Smile—Self-satisfied as the howl of a shifty-house negotiator.

TODAY'S BULLETIN "Nancy Price, British actress, has fused a \$50,000 Hollywood contract because she would have to part with her dog for a 15-month term. It would have to be in quarantine."—News Item.

FRISBY PLANS PREPAREDNESS

WASHINGTON MONUMENT—Congressman Horace W. Frisby late last night wrote in colored chalk on the sides of the monument, "I plan to enter into a defense. My plan is to enter into a defense. My plan is to enter into a defense."



WHO CARES? DEPT. (Captioned at 4-4-4-4)

Lawrence Tibbitt stands on his head to clear his brain and walks around the room on his hands. There are more blunders than blunders in Hollywood.

FAMOUS LAST WORDS—There are more blunders than blunders in Hollywood. Searching for the true path.

BRINGING UP FATHER



POLLY AND HER PALS



LITTLE ANNIE ROONEY



BARNEY GOOGLE



TIM TYLER'S FLYING LUCK



Jiggs' Burst of Temper Wasted



Laying His Own Smoke Screen



Tourists' Information



No Trouble for a Good Man



By De Beck



By George McManus



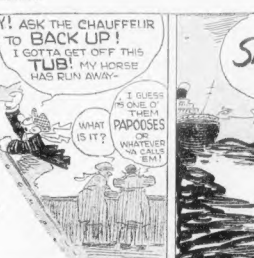
By Cliff Sterrett



By Darrell McClure



By De Beck



By Lynn Young



For the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto but to minister St. Mark, X, 15.

The text today is suggested by the Rev. Christopher R. Eliot, LL. D., Unitarian minister, Boston. The next text will be suggested by the Rt. Rev. Henry K. Sherill of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1931

Points of the President's Message—Number 11

Of sundry proposals which Mr. Hoover makes in his annual message to Congress for increasing the power of the presidency, the most unjustifiable and the most dangerous has to do with public works.

Mr. Hoover's passion for power has led him to go far beyond his earlier suggestion that Congress establish a new Department of Public Works and give to its head a seat in the cabinet.

Now Mr. Hoover asks the Congress to create "an independent establishment under the President, to be known as the Public Works Administration, directed by a Public Works administrator."

This typical Hoover setup would be independent of the Congress and of all existing executive departments.

It would be dependent upon and entirely subservient to the President himself.

It would remove some of our most important public works from the non-political and most efficient control of the War Department and put them under the dictatorship of a political appointee, selected by and taking orders from Mr. Hoover himself.

It would add to the political pie-counter of the titular leader of the party in power a tremendous amount of patronage that he could dispense to advance his own political ambitions.

It would make the Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy the contractor-in-chief for the non-military part of the federal government's vast program of public works.

It would make every contractor in the land a potential contributor to the presidential campaign fund.

It would increase enormously the power of the presidency at the very time when that is the last thing the Congress ought to do and the last thing the country wants done.

The truth is that the President has altogether too much power now, even when he acts under the Constitution, and does not go outside the Constitution to assume dictatorial power.

Instead of turning over the public works of the federal government to the political exploitation of a presidential candidate for re-election, Congress, under the leadership of the Democratic House of Representatives, should try to reduce the power of the presidency and discourage its future occupants from emulating Mr. Hoover's passion for dictatorial power.

Whatever can be done, without undermining the government or the Constitution, to co-ordinate, expedite, reduce the cost and raise the standard of public works under the federal government, ought to be done. And the President and the Congress should co-operate to that end.

But establishing a federal dictator of public works in the White House is not the way to do it.

Now is the time for Congress to curb Mr. Hoover's passion for more power by rejecting outright his illegal, unjustifiable and dangerous proposal to put the White House into the general contracting business.

Make the Lawyers Pay

When lawyers scold us about the high cost of government, let us remind them of the high cost of judicial procedure.

A plaintiff can bring action in the District Court on the payment of a \$1 entry fee and the Superior Court on a fee of only \$3.

Yet the cost of a jury trial—that is, for the judges, jurors, court attendants and overhead expenses—is between \$400 and \$500 a day.

This cost is paid not by the lawyers and their clients BUT BY THE PUBLIC AS A WHOLE.

Yet in half of these cases, with the plaintiff forcing the expense to his credit, he fails to gain a verdict, the plaintiff recovers nothing at all. In the other half of the cases, the verdict recovered by the plaintiffs is mostly less than \$1000 and half of them are less than \$500.

The net cost yearly of the judicial systems to the people of Massachusetts is something more than \$6,000,000, or about one dollar out of every eight dollars the Legislature is required to appropriate for the current, normal expenses of the State.

In China, they pay the doctor by the year to keep them well, and take it out of his pay when they are ill. Might be interesting to make the lawyers pay the costs of the cases they bring and lose. Worse crimes than that have been committed in the name of economy.

By Edgar A. Guest Just Folks

Greeting to One and All
May your Christmas merry be
In spite of wind and weather.
May your happy family
Spend the day together.

May the old home ring again
With merriment and laughter,
Safe shut from all the cares of men
And all that waits hereafter.

God grant you'll turn your back upon
All wrongs that breed resentment
And make this Christmas morning one
Of loving and contentment.

And may the spirit of the day
Encourage and restore you,
And set you singing on the way
Which stretches out before you.

The gift of health for you I pray,
The gift of strength for duty,
And that high faith of Christmas Day
Which graces life with beauty.

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Gold Bricks



European diplomats have their eyes greedily fixed on the United States Treasury, on the pockets of American taxpayers. They have three nice gold bricks—Debt, Moratorium, and Revision, Debt Cancellation, all shined up to palm off a Uncle Sam.

Of course, they won't attempt to dispose of all three at once, but if they sell "Moratorium," you can bet your life that they will waste little time in bringing out "Revision" and then "Cancellation."

That is the plan. It has been announced. All Europe

knows it and admits it. Our internationally minded Administration at Washington knows it, but does not admit it. The task of guarding the Treasury from these raids, of preventing European Diplomats from saddling the whole cost of the Great War on to American taxpayers, devolves upon Congress.

And the American people will look to the Congress to save them from the folly of our internationally minded statesmen.

Behold a Quick Shift



You remember, surely, those famous lines in the Cid, which prove that you can start out one way and often end up another way.

Nous partimes cinq cents, mais en arrivant au port,
Nous nous vimes trois mille, par un prompt renfort.

The above is not translated, because the translation wouldn't interest you.

We know a little about everything but ourselves and know NOTHING about ourselves.

No one would try to make a tiger stop eating meat by asking him: "Are you not ashamed of yourself?"

No one would try to cure a sheep of eating grass by saying: "Why don't you bite that wolf?"

We think we can change our nature without changing ourselves.

WE CAN'T.

New York Day by Day

Old Murray Hill

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Despite the long fight to resist encroachments of commerce, that aristocratic area, Old Murray Hill, is vanishing.

The J. P. Morgan house and a few other homes with lawns remain. But the rest is given over to towering buildings.

Murray Hill centers about Madison avenue in the 30's. Every effort was made to keep it residential. It offered a last emblem of that New York mellowness that so quickly crystallizes into hotel and hurrah.

The Murray Hill Hotel symbolizes its quietude and charm in carrying on with blue-sueded lamps out front, expansive lobby and high-ceiled rooms. When I came to town, Murray Hill suggested the quiet of a mill pond. Far southward the gilt Diana submerged in the sky in a graceful pose.

Even the venerable lavender and old-lady ladies drove meticulously to the park late afternoons in horse-drawn carriages. In the evening was the cheerful glint of open fires in

basement dining rooms. There were still gallants with side-whiskers, square crowned derbies and round cuffs.

Such sturdy financiers as the late George F. Baker resided there. No other part of the metropolis displayed such simple sincerity. The sprinkling of old-time boarding houses, with porches, was tinted with this same solidity. Everybody was at home by 10 P. M.

People who came out of the surrounding chaos drew up short in Murray Hill with a sort of tip-toe bow. There was a grim docility about the calm and courteous burlesque.

They were playing chess, cigarette smokers, and conversing in thin whispers. But today Murray Hill displays galloping brookhairs. Its sidewalks are filled with blood-bred to the "em" of fast ladies. In bayed windows where once an older New York played chess, cigarette smokers, and conversing in thin whispers.

No corner in New York gives an acid sense of the decay as Murray Hill. The old-fashioned

Bankers Give Light on Foreign Debts

By Claude G. Bowers

The Democratic leadership in the House of Representatives deserves congratulations on the manner in which the majority conducted itself last week during the rather hectic fight on the moratorium. The more sensational features were reserved for the Republicans, who insisted on washing their dirty linen in public, and apparently there is much of it. It was a prominent Republican from Pennsylvania, but recently honored by his party with the chairmanship of one of the outstanding committees of the House, who made the air-bait attack upon the President with the charge that he had sold out the country, and the attacks of a personal character on McFadden came from the Republican side. Somewhat in the scolding of the "high hat" of the Republicans was knocked off, but every Democrat had his hand in his pocket. Charges the most serious were passed back and forth on the Republican side, and Representatives Ranskin has served notice that unless these Kilkenny cat fights of the minority cease to interfere with the nation's business, he will ask for an investigation of all the charges. This ought to bring the unsavory episode to a conclusion.

Not Loaded Down
With German Bonds

The appearance before the Senate committee of Mr. Lamont, of the house of Morgan, and Mr. Mitchell, of the National City Bank, should have some salutary effects. Rumor had bruited it abroad that some of the large banks were "loaded down" with German securities, and that the collapse of Germany might prove disastrous to these institutions. Everyone has heard this tale. The effect has not been to create confidence. The big bankers who were "dragged" before the committee owe a debt of appreciation to the Senators who summoned them. They have been able to convince the country that the rumors are false; that none of the great financial institutions mentioned in the gossip are so loaded down as to cause them serious embarrassment whatever may happen. This is well worth what the Senate has done for them. The statement from them to the public might have accomplished long.

It appears that the German securities are now in the hands of private investors throughout the country who bought them. The banks that sponsored them and passed them on to the country may feel some responsibility to the investors, but they themselves are secure.

Reparations Do Not
Figure in Loans

The distinguished bankers were very chary about the proposal to transfer the debts of other peoples to the backs of American taxpayers. The impression conveyed that they had little or nothing to do with the moratorium will not wash. The late Dwight Morrow was on hand in the White House at the time, and for some time before, and if, as is still insisted, Europe would have collapsed or staggered without the moratorium, there is no reason why the bankers should deny their inspiration.

Nor is it possible to believe that these two distinguished bankers are not more than passively interested in bringing about the transfer—not the "explanation"—of the debts.

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